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In re Application of :
Jeffrey A. HAMILTON et al. :
Application No. 10/662,182 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: September 12, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. E008.PAT-1 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 15, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, November 16, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 17, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$770.00; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action of November 16, 2005, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The power of attorney filed by the applicants/inventors with the petition on October 15, 2007 has been accepted and made of record.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4231.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2612 for appropriate action on the concurrently filed amendment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle R. Eason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" being the most prominent part.

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